

WINGSPREAD

Swinging summer



Professional golf instructor Brian Cannon teaches Paul Lumdberg the fundamentals of the golf swing during a children’s golf clinic at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course. During the week-long clinic, children were taught the basics of the game, including swing mechanics, etiquette, terminology, proper behavior, and how to maintain speed of play. (Photo by Steve White)

Environmental team to visit base, ensure compliance with laws

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio
Wingspread staff writer

A team of environmental experts visit Randolph July 17-21 to conduct the base’s annual External Environmental Safety Occupational and Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program audit.

During the visit, team members will assess the installation’s compliance with federal, state, local and Air Force environmental laws, occupational health regulations and safety regulations.

“Occupational health and safety are integral to mission accomplishment because they affect our most critical and fragile, resource – people,” said Richard Trevino, base civil engineer. “People are the driving force behind the success of these programs.”

Mr. Trevino pointed out the focus of ESOH is not to prohibit the use of materials, but to ensure proper management. This means proper authorization, storage, use and disposal of hazardous materials.

“Protection of the environment is essential because our weapon systems, including our people, depend on clean air, potable water and natural resources,” he said.

Mr. Trevino suggests people look around their shops for things such as cleaners, waxes and left over paint or paint thinner that may be stashed in closets or cabinets.

“Straighten up these areas and make sure everything has a label,” he said. “All hazardous materials should be stored in a clean, closed container.”

According to Matt Kramm, natural resources manager,

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Base readies for Independence Day celebration

By Armando Perez
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Randolph opens its gates to the public July 4 at 5 p.m. to celebrate Independence Day on the south ramp.

This year’s event includes a variety of food, live music, special children’s activities and a fireworks display.

“The Fourth of July celebration is a favorite year after year and promises to be a fun-filled evening of family entertainment,” said Shelta Reese, 12th Services Division marketing director.

Harry Wurzbach and the 410s band will entertain the crowd with a mixture of oldies and classic rock from 6-9:15 p.m.

There will also be at least 26 food booths offering hamburgers, hot dogs, fajitas, turkey legs, watermelon, roasted corn, cotton candy, funnel cakes, and sno-cones. Each food booth is run by a base organization as a fundraiser.

During the event, children can participate in games and crafts, such as jewelry and patriotic hat making,

Schedule of Events

- 5 p.m. Gates open
- 5 - 9 p.m. Children’s area
- 5 - 9 p.m. Fitness and sports skills area
- 6 - 9:15 p.m. Music by Harry Wurzbach and the 410s
- 9:20 p.m. Fireworks begin
- 9:45 p.m. Event ends

beanbag tosses, and a variety of other games. There will also be a petting zoo, caricature artist, water tag maze, inflatable obstacle course and bungee run for children. The children’s entertainment tents will be open from 5-9 p.m. with the exception of the jewelry station, which closes at 8:40 p.m.

There will also be a sports skills area for those wanting to show off their athletic abilities. People have the opportunity to participate in the football accuracy toss, hot shot basketball, free throw contest and speed pitch contest. In addition to these on-going sporting events, there will be a family circuit challenge with 10 stations open to all ages. The sports skills area will be open from 5-9 p.m.

Visitors are reminded that they are not allowed to bring coolers, picnic baskets, backpacks, weapons, bicycles, skateboards, personal fireworks or pets onto the base. However, everyone is encouraged to bring blankets and portable chairs.

Since there is no shade on the ramp area, people are also encouraged to wear hats and use a strong sunscreen.

All vehicles are subject to inspection by security forces while on the installation and the use of cell phones while operating a vehicle on Randolph is prohibited.

Visitors should enter the base through the west gate. The main gate will be used for vehicles displaying a base decal and sponsored visitors. Security forces will stop all in bound traffic at 8:50 p.m. due to the length of time it takes vehicles to get to the event area.

The Randolph Fourth of July event is made possible, in part, by the support of several area sponsors, including Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union, Magic 105.3, Eisenhower Bank, Budweiser, Coca Cola, Mission Chrysler Jeep, Four Season Sunrooms of Texas and Regal Cinemas.

12th Flying Training Wing Training Status												
Pilot Instructor Training <div>As of Monday</div>			Navigator, EWO Students				Wing Flying Hour Program					
			562nd FTS		563rd FTS			Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual	
Squadron	Seniors	Overall	CSO/NFO		CSO		Graduate EWO	T-1A	7688.0	7833.0	10,725	
99th FTS	5.0	2.4	USAF	257	OPS	27	International	0	T-6A	12254.0	12537.1	17,196
558th FTS	3.3	-0.5	Navy	34	Advanced EW	38	EWC Course	0	T-37B	3988.3	4180.5	5,796
559th FTS	2.9	1.4	International	8	Integration	10	Intro to EW	0	T-38C	6962.6	7105.0	9,937
560th FTS	1.9	1.2	Total in Training	291		65		0	T-43	2743.6	2721.5	3,982
Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.			Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of combat systems officer students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.					The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown between Oct. 1, 2005 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2006.				

AIR AND SPACE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

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While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better. In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Richard Clark
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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FW&A Hotline	652-3665
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Inspector General	652-2727
Legal Office	652-6781
Military Pay	652-1851
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Safety Office	652-2224
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"Zero Fatalities"

According to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, in 2003 there were 3,306 accidental drownings in the United States. That's an average of nine people per day.

DUI UPDATE

Team Randolph's last DUI was March 18, 2006

Letter to Airmen

Personal financial management ensures focus

By Michael Wynne
Secretary of the Air Force and
Gen. Michael Moseley
Air Force Chief of Staff

Air Force Mission success begins with you – the individual Airman. All Airmen must possess constant professional and personal situational awareness to ensure positive impact on their unit's mission. Although we often see our professional life in a very disciplined way, we sometimes don't realize how our personal well-being affects our job performance. Being on solid financial footing is one way you can positively affect your life.

For example, hurricane season is now upon us. We urge you, particularly if you live in an area prone to natural disasters, to examine how prepared you are to protect your family financially. One of the lessons learned from the past year's natural disasters is that after the disaster is not the time to assess your insurance needs. Too many of our teammates, including retirees, were caught unprepared and now are bearing an avoidable financial burden.

All Air Force members, whether living on base or off, should consider their family's needs for adequate personal property (renter's) insurance. Make a detailed inventory of your personal property – even a simple videotaping could help. If you are a homeowner, consider purchasing flood insurance. Finally, don't forget comprehensive coverage for your cars. Liability insurance won't pay for a storm-damaged vehicle. Remember the adage, "chance favors the prepared."

Once you have protected your family through insurance, turn your attention to other facets of personal financial management. Air Force family support centers possess a wealth of information to educate you on the many tools available to help you manage debt, begin saving, protect against identity theft and secure your family's future. Your local legal office can help with consumer and debt problems as well. Moreover, every Air Force base offers beginner financial classes to help you setup a realistic household budget, live within your means, and learn the basics of taxes



Michael Wynne



Gen. Michael Moseley

"When your personal life is in order, you are a better warfighter for the joint team... If you want to be secure tomorrow, the time to start acting is today."

and investing. Though it seems like a long way off, investing today will help you maximize the cumulative effects of a disciplined savings plan for your family.

As John Wayne once said, "The fastest way to double your money is to fold it over one time. Then put it where it will grow."

Along those lines, the Air Force offers the Thrift Savings Plan which allows your money to grow tax-deferred while being automatically deducted from your pay through allotments. This is an easy way to invest your money systematically.

We want confident and proud Airmen. When your personal life is in order, you are a better warfighter for the joint team. Gaining and retaining control of your family's personal finances will provide you the right situational awareness to truly focus on the professional side of your life. If you want to be secure tomorrow, the time to start acting is today.

Congratulations Retirees

Today

Lt. Col. Roger Foley
Air Force Recruiting Service

Today

Maj. Ronald Bransford
Air Education and Training Command

Today

Master Sgt. Woodrow Jackson
Air Force Personnel Center

Today

Master Sgt. James Koller, Jr.
AETC

Today

Master Sgt. David Noriega
AETC

Today

Tech. Sgt. Terry Burden
12th Flying Training Wing

Monday

Chief Master Sgt. Tammy Flavin
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Wednesday

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341st Recruiting Squadron

Thursday

Col. Carl Strohl
AFRS

Thursday

Senior Master Sgt. Pedro Robles
19th Air Force

Thursday

Senior Master Sgt. Raphael Watson
Air Force Manpower Agency

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Leaders must also be followers

By Lt. Col. David Giachetti
12th Operations Support Squadron commander

The term leadership is thrown around a lot these days but what does it really mean? Ask someone what makes a good leader and you'll probably get a myriad of adjectives and maybe even a few names of old commanders.

I think the best leaders in today's Air Force are those who have successfully demonstrated they are great followers.

I know this may sound weird. After all, leaders are the ones in the front, not the back. But every leader has a boss and what a boss needs is trust, teamwork, commitment and dedication. They need everyone pulling for the same goal and helping each other along the way.

Even AFDD 1-1 (bet you didn't know there is a doctrine document on leadership!) states: "...individuals, who have stepped forward to lead others in accomplishing the mission simultaneously, serve both as leaders and followers at every level of the Air Force..." Notice the word "commander" is not mentioned here.

I had the opportunity many years ago to work for a boss who worked for a fairly unpopular



commander. I watched in awe as he went out of his way to make his boss shine. He supported his bosses' ideas and policies his way and made them his own.

What he taught me, by this example, is that everyone has a role in accomplishing the mission. As a leader, you are charged with making tough decisions. As a follower, you are charged with implementing them. There's no question about it. It's a matter of professionalism and duty. It requires discipline, and sometimes a well trained tongue. It means not complaining or bashing the boss, but supporting him and the decisions he makes.

Many people today would argue that this is blind followership. Everyone knows the difference

between right and wrong. A simple benchmark is to run this test – Are my bosses' decisions legal, moral and ethical? If so, his decisions are appropriate and you should support them to the best of your abilities.

Of course a good leader, with time permitting, will seek opinions and advice from his experts – something experts should be well prepared to give.

However, once your commander or boss makes a decision, it is the people below him who are charged with carrying out the order both enthusiastically and with the utmost of their abilities. Those around you will follow this example. Even the youngest of our Airmen have someone following them. We are all leaders in some way.

President Dwight Eisenhower summed it up best when he said. "Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it."

We all serve in the most awesome and respected Air Force in the world. Each one of us has a roll in accomplishing our mission. We demonstrate this every day with our integrity, our selfless service and our commitment to excellence. It all starts with being both a good leader and a good follower.

NEWS

Landscape architect beautifies base

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

For the first time in more than 70 years, Randolph has a certified landscape architect on staff.

John Howry has been working on base as a contractor for more than 15 months, but his position was officially secured recently.

Mr. Howry has many years of experience in construction and landscape design, including a Bachelor's degree in landscape design from Texas A&M and an associates degree in building construction.

Since coming to Randolph, Mr. Howry has been involved in designing and implementing the landscape elements along Harmon Drive, the Taj Mahal, Missing Man Monument, Air Education and Training Command commander's quarters and the areas around the AETC headquarters building.

Other projects under way include improvements along North Park Drive, around the Daughters of the American Revolution Monument in Washington Circle and at the enlisted club.

"I can't think of anything I'd rather do than plan the beauty of a landscape and then see it all come together," Mr. Howry said.

Mr. Howry said once his project plans are approved, it's his responsibility to make sure base contractors do the work properly.

"That keeps me out of the office at times," he said. "But being there and seeing the actual design go from the drafting table into the existing landscape is what I find to be most satisfying."

Scott Shepherd, the base development officer, said a landscape architect is something base officials have been interested in for a long time now.

"Now we can have really professional help in designing landscapes that are not only pleasant to see but that will survive the wild changes in Texas weather," he said.

The last landscape architect to work at Randolph was Capt. Norfleet Bone who left in 1932. Captain Bone was responsible for taking the architectural elements of the original design and adding touches that made the base into the showplace it became.



John Howry, Randolph's new landscape architect, measures the site of a new planting area between Buildings 900 and 905. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

Captain Bone scoured the lands of West Texas and New Mexico for specimens of native plants that he then shipped to the base and put into greenhouses that were part of the base's original construction. He designed formal and informal plantings, many of them using what we now call xeriscape techniques, and planned the locations of

the trees that tower over many of the buildings and streets on base.

There are only two streets on base named for people. Harmon Drive is named for Lt. Gen. Millard Harmon, who was in charge of training at Randolph in the 1940s, and Bone Drive, near the recycling center where the captain's greenhouses once were.

College fair explores options

More than 30 college, support representatives to help students plan

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio
Wingspread staff writer

The education center hosts a college fair Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the family support center. More than 30 universities and educational support services will be at the fair to provide information to participants. "Because students have so many different educational requirements, we want to make them aware of as many educational options as possible," said Jim Morris, education center counselor. "This fair will give people a chance to speak face to face with different representatives without having to travel to the different universities or organizations." The fair will feature both local and online schools. There will be representatives from Wayland Baptist University, Park University and St. Philips College, which offer classes on base and online, as well as the University of Maryland and University of Phoenix online, which offer extensive distance education programs.

College Fair Attendees

The following organizations are scheduled to attend the college fair:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• University of Texas at San Antonio• Wayland Baptist University• Alamo Community College District• Park University• Kaplan University• Texas A&M University• Texas State University• Our Lady of the Lake University | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• St. Mary's University• Webster University• New Horizons• Troy University• American Military University• University of Phoenix• National Graduate School• Air Force Reserve• ROTC• Troops to Teachers• Alternate Teacher Certification | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial Aid Information• Randolph Library• San Antonio College• Eapella University• Palo Alto College• Duquesne University• St. Philip's College• University of the Incarnate Word• American Sentinel University• Columbia Southern University |
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Ford Foundation honors troops with medal

By Paul Rutz
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – On behalf of America's armed services, some of the nation's top leaders gathered at the National Archives here last night to accept this year's Gerald R. Ford Medal for Distinguished Public Service. Jack Ford read a letter of personal greetings from his father, the 92-year-old former president: "To me, it's a source of both pride and humility to know that a medal bearing my name will be permanently associated with the valor and patriotism of the men and women of the United States armed forces." Vice President Richard Cheney said he was delighted that the men and women of the armed forces have been chosen to receive the award. "We're not a country that takes our military for granted," he said. "Even in the quietest of times, Americans have always understood that our men and women in uniform are the ones who assure stability and keep the peace." Cheney pointed out some of the decorations America's troops have earned since Sept. 11, 2001, including 371 Silver Stars, 24 Distinguished Service Crosses and a Medal of Honor posthumously awarded to Army Sgt. 1st Class Paul Ray Smith for action in Iraq in April 2003. "The conditions in this war are some of the most difficult a person can imagine," he said. "This generation of our military is writing an extraordinary chapter in the history of freedom. The citizens of this nation are filled with gratitude." Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld thanked the Ford Foundation board, the former president and former first lady Betty Ford for their support. He took advantage of the ceremony's location in the National Archives building during his remarks. Rumsfeld noted the documents still housed in the National Archives that laid down the nation's government in the 18th century, and he compared the situation during Colonial times with that of today. "Only after eight terribly difficult years were they able to achieve independence for our nation," Rumsfeld said. "Their victory of course was not won

The education center encourages even those people who have already accomplished their undergraduate degree to attend the fair. "People never want to stop learning," said Ms. Morris. "So, we have invited graduate schools to attend as well." Several colleges are bringing members of their graduate schools to the fair to discuss their respective graduate programs and the application process, she said. Ms. Morris added that there will also be representatives of human resource and computer certification programs available to speak with people interested in those fields. Also, those interested in pursuing their teaching certification may want to meet with the Texas Troops to Teachers program and Spouses to Teachers program representatives, said Ms. Morris. "It takes a lot of planning to become a teacher while in the military or shortly after leaving the military," said Ms. Morris. "Representatives at the college fair can help make the goal of becoming a teacher happen." The ROTC Unit Admissions Officer from Texas State University will be available to provide insight on life as an ROTC student at college. He will also be able to give tips on planning current high school careers to prepare for college life, said Ms. Morris. "People usually know what they want when it comes to education," said Ms. Morris. "We are here to help by giving them the tools to develop a blueprint for their dreams."



Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Marine Gen. Peter Pace, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Vice President Richard Cheney attend the presentation ceremony for the Gerald R. Ford Medal for Distinguished Public Service at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., June 19. (Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Chad McNeeley)

by accident. It was not happenstance. It was not even good luck. It took service and sacrifice. It took patience and perseverance." Rumsfeld said throughout America's history, there has always been spirited debate about what the nation's responsibilities in the world should be. "There was violent debate in those earliest revolutionary days," he said. "To be sure, there's debate today, but in the end, free nations and free people simply cannot survive in a world dominated by tyranny and terrorism." Those who have served in Afghanistan and Iraq can be proud of what they've achieved, he added. The Ford award, which was presented to all five branches of the armed services, recognizes outstanding public contributions by individuals who reflect the qualities demonstrated by President Ford during his public service career: strength of character, integrity, fidelity to principles in decision making, sound judgment, decisiveness, determination, diligence, self-confidence balanced with respect for the views of others and self-discipline.

NEWS BRIEFS

560th FTS change of command

Lt. Col. Ronald Perrilloux takes command of the 560th Flying Training Squadron from Lt. Col. Kevin Manion during a ceremony today at 9 a.m. in Hangar 4.

99th FTS change of command

Lt. Col. Randolph Lawson takes command of the 99th Flying Training Squadron from Lt. Col. James Garrett during a ceremony June 30 at 9 a.m. in Hangar 4.

East Gate traffic signal flashing

The traffic signal at the east gate went to a flashing mode Wednesday that will continue until it is removed July 5. With the new visitors' center now open at the main gate, the east gate signal is no longer justified. Randolph drivers using the east gate should be alert to on-coming traffic. The east gate is open for inbound traffic only from 6-8 a.m. Monday through Friday. Fifth Street East is one way inbound during those hours as far as New B Street.

Housing requirements survey

The Randolph housing office requests all service members complete a voluntary Web-based survey about their housing requirements. The results will help to make a housing forecast for the local area for the next five years. Members living on or off base are asked to complete the 15-minute survey by going to www.airforcehousingurvey.us. At the welcome screen, select Randolph from the pull-down menu and enter the password rand6947.

12th MDG closes at noon

The 12th Medical Group closes Wednesday starting at noon for training. It will reopen at 7:30 a.m. Thursday.

AETC Contracting Squadron closed

The Air Education and Training Command Contracting Squadron closes June 30 for an official function. Someone will be in the office for critical issues.

Air National Guard positions

The 167th Air Lift Wing, an Air National Guard unit at Martinsburg, W. Va., is transitioning from C-130 to C-5 aircraft. The unit is now recruiting to fill active duty Guard positions. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Shannon McCutcheon at 800-253-5674 or visit www.wvmart.ang.af.mil.

USO volunteers sought

The United Service Organization Council of San Antonio is seeking volunteers for several locations in town. Free parking is available during assigned shifts for the following positions:

- Airport reception center, three to four hour shifts, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., daily.
- Community Center, 420 E. Commerce Street, Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 7 pm.; Sundays and holidays, noon to 6 p.m.
- USO business office in the community center.

For more information, contact Julie Nichols at 227-9373, ext. 12.

Wilford Hall seeks volunteers

Wilford Hall Medical Center is looking for volunteers to participate in a clinical research study for the treatment of Pseudofolliculitis Barbae of the Beard or "shaving bumps," a common condition of men who shave frequently. Participants must be male, at least 18 years old. For details, call 292-0329.

Balancing aircraft key to Air Force success

AF vice chief of staff urges lawmakers to reassess aging fleet

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) - Every day, news headlines tout successes of the U.S. military in Iraq and Afghanistan, but seldom make mention of Air Force contributions.

Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John D. W. Corley told lawmakers and defense industry insiders on Capitol Hill June 14 that lack of coverage doesn't mean the Air Force isn't contributing to the war on terrorism.

"While the headlines don't really talk about Air Force fighters, I need you to understand that Airmen are a critical part (of the war on terrorism) – from space, to fighters, to strike, to C4ISR, to mobility," he said. "We need to continue to remain strong and continue to remain viable."

But in order for the Air Force to remain a strong, viable force in the war on terror, it must work to recapitalize its fleet of aging aircraft, General Corley said.

The Air Force maintains three "portfolios" of aircraft, and each performs a separate task, the general said. Those portfolios include strike aircraft; mobility aircraft; and command, control, computers, communication, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, or C4ISR, aircraft.

Strike aircraft include the F-16 Fighting Falcon, F-15 Eagle, F-22 Raptor, B-1B Lancer, B-2 Spirit and B-52 Stratofortress.

"This is the portfolio that brought us the effects of the (Abu Mousab al-Zarqawi) attack – rapidly, anywhere on the globe, to include non-permissive environments," he said. "That's what the United States Air Force does for you, that's what (it) brings to this president and this nation. We can hold targets at risk anywhere on this globe, at any time."

But aircraft in the strike portfolio are aging, and it is increasingly more expensive to maintain the capability

those aircraft provide. That is money that could be better spent on newer aircraft that deliver more capability than the older ones, General Corley said.

"Some of those aircraft need to retire so we can stop spending money on (them) and begin to modernize and provide the appropriate tools for those youth of our Air Force to be able to use in the future," he said.

The Air Force wants to retire 18 B-52s in the 2007 president's budget, and an additional 20 in the 2008 budget.

The Air Force also plans to replace fighter aircraft such as the F-16 and the F-15 with the F-35 and the F-22 respectively. The capability the F-22 brings to the fight far eclipses the capability of the F-15 it is supposed to replace.

During Exercise Northern Edge 2006 in Alaska in early June, for instance, the F-22 was pitted against as many as 40 "enemy aircraft" during simulated battles. The Raptor achieved a 108-to-zero kill ratio. General Corley said that while some may question the need for that much capability, he believes it is necessary.

"I don't want our nation's sons and daughters to be in the last airplane with the last missile, to go against the last enemy aircraft, with the hope that we will come out on top," he said. "I do want our forces to be incredibly capable and to be overwhelming in that battle."

In the mobility portfolio are aircraft like the C-17 Globemaster III, KC-135 Stratotanker and C-130 Hercules. General Corley would like to see more C-17 aircraft in the Air Force fleet, but says that the mobility portfolio must be balanced. That means dealing with aging aircraft such as the KC-135 and the C-130.

Today, 29 C-130s are restricted from flying, General Corley said.

"They are at the end of their useful life," General Corley said. "(They have) 35,000 baseline flying hours and it would cost us \$27 million just to begin to fix the wings on these aircraft. Do you want to spend that kind of money, doing wing repair and other upgrades on an aging aircraft that is already at the terminal phase of its flight hours?"

General Corley said he would rather spend that money on new J model C-130s and the new joint cargo aircraft, a small airframe to be built in cooperation

with Army, that would be used for intratheater airlift.

"New aircraft are the ones that will relieve some of the pressures in terms of intratheater airlift," he said. "They will be the ones that help us with those convoys and improvised explosive device exposure. They will be the ones that will give us increasing capability in terms of consequence management."

An aircraft such as the joint cargo aircraft could be used in place of conducting convoy operations in Iraq.

The Air Force also is looking for a replacement for the KC-135 tanker aircraft. General Corley said as many as 43 of the Air Force's KC-135 fleet cannot currently fly, yet the service continues to spend money on them.

"It would cost us about \$45 million per aircraft as we add up the cost of (operations and maintenance funds) and upgrades to those aircraft to keep them on the books," he said. "We have got to shift our investment strategy and move it to where the investment dollars that this nation provides for us can yield the greatest military utility and combat capability for the nation."

The current KC-135 fleet is, on average, 45 years old.

In addition to changing the makeup of the strike and mobility portfolios, the Air Force is also looking for ways to balance out the C4ISR portfolio. That includes aircraft such as the MQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle, MQ-4 Global Hawk UAV and the U-2S Dragon Lady aircraft. The general asked how many U-2s should be maintained, in light of the increasing capability of the Global Hawk aircraft.

Whatever decisions are made about balancing the number of aircraft within each of the portfolios, General Corley said he is concerned about leaving a proper mix of capability to a younger generation of Airmen.

"I think we have to be prepared for long war, and it will be the war that is shared not just by me, but will be shared by my daughter and my sons when they become a part of this," he said. "I want to leave them with a legacy of the right tools, properly equipped, to be able to continue to do what you have blessed me with in this nation, which are the right people and the right things in terms of equipment."

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containers holding hazardous materials should have the original label on them. If the label is missing, a new label, with the same information from the manufacturer that was on the original label, should be put on the container.

All hazardous materials must also have an Air Force Form 3952, Chemical and Hazardous Material Request Authorization.

"The form allows different departments such as safety, bioenvironmental, base environmental and Hazmart to track hazardous materials," said Mr. Kramm. "This helps with identifying health hazards related to the product."

Storing hazardous materials correctly is not the only concern for the ESOHCAMP team.

"The team is also evaluating safety and occupational health issues," said Mr. Kramm. "They will evaluate how

people are handling and disposing of these materials as well."

It is against the law to dispose of hazardous materials in the trash, said Mr. Trevino.

If offices find anything hazardous requiring disposal they can contact Erik Christianson at the Hazardous Waste Disposal Center at 652-5666.

If people need help identifying whether something is hazardous, or how to label it, they can call Hazmart at 652-3079.

The ESOHCAMP team will present an out-brief after the audit July 21 at 10 a.m. in the DeBellevue Room of Building 740.

The out-brief is focused toward unit commanders, but is open to the base public, said Mr. Tevino.

"We know Randolph is a wonderful environment in which to live and work," Mr. Trevino said. "Let's show the ESOHCAMP team that when we say Randolph is the 'Showplace of the Air Force' that includes the environment, safety and occupational health."



Senior Airman Charletia Tate



Unit: 12th Mission Support Squadron
Duty Title: Personnel Readiness Function
Hometown: San Antonio
Hobbies: Skating, shopping and singing
Goals: To make staff sergeant, get my Community College of the Air Force degree and be a hair stylist
Greatest Accomplishment: Graduating from Airman Leadership School
Personal Inspiration: Church, motivated leaders

and family
Personal Motto: "You can do whatever you want to do in life, if you put your mind to it."
Pet Peeve: Lazy people that don't want to work or put forth 100 percent
Commander's Comments: "Senior Airman Tate is a stellar performer. She has been the driving force behind the 12th MSS Military Personnel Flight Readiness Function. She was the perfect fill for an open job requiring superior time management and attention to the smallest of details. She takes great care of our deployers and ensures the 12th Flying Training Wing gets them out of here with perfect accuracy."

Lt. Col. Robert Jackson
12th Mission Support Squadron commander

To submit a junior officer, enlisted member or civilian employee for the Showplace Showcase column, commanders can send an e-mail to Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio at elizabeth.delvecchio@randolph.af.mil. or call her at 652-5760 for details.

We Can!

Six-week course aims to improve children’s overall health

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio
Wingspread staff writer

The Health and Wellness Center hosts a health education series for parents and caregivers of 8-13-year-olds starting July 13.

Ways to Enhance Children’s Activity and Nutrition, or We Can!, is a national educational program geared toward motivating caregivers and children to take actions to achieve and maintain a healthy weight through nutrition and exercise.

The sessions are held for six consecutive Thursdays at 1 p.m. and provide information and activities to support and encourage improved nutritional choices, increase physical activity, and reduce television and computer time.

“Experts at the National Institute of



Health built this evidence based program,” said Suzy Harrington, health and education program manager. “The classes are part of a larger community collaborative effort between the HAWC, youth center, fitness center and pediatric clinic in an effort to build healthier communities for kids.”

According to the NIH, the number of overweight children ages 6-11 has tripled and ages 12-19 has doubled since

the early 1970’s. Today, more than 16 percent of young people ages 6-19 are overweight.

The We Can! program is a good starting point to educate parents and caregivers on healthier lifestyles for children, said Dr. Harrington.

“Our goal is healthier kids,” she said. “Healthy kids grow up to be healthy adults.”

Each session has a unique topic, so

members can attend a session even though they missed the one before.

The sessions cover such topics as healthy diet choices, including portion control and low fat meals, and good exercise habits, including ways families can support and encourage physical activity.

The sessions encourage caregivers to educate their children, which will inevitably spread, the end result being a healthier community, said Kimberly Houk, exercise physiologist and fitness consultant.

“The way we see it, by focusing on ways to make children healthier we will create healthier households,” said Ms. Houk. “Children depend on their parents to teach them healthy behaviors.”

To register for We Can!, call the HAWC at 652-2300.

Tiny dancers



Kathryn Holcek (left to right), Gabrielle Davis, Emma Schwartz and Alison Ranke, students in the 5-year-old dance class at the youth center, perform a tap dance called ‘Thumbs Up’ during the youth center dance recital June 10 at the base theater. More than 80 girls participated in the annual event. (Photo by Steve White)

Scholarship winners



Kristen Keskel (left) and Michael Knudson receive Defense Commissary Agency scholarships during a ceremony Wednesday at the commissary. Other scholarship recipients are Amanda Harrington, Andrew Touhill, William Heath and Veronica Sullivan. (Photo by Steve White)

Tuition assistance benefits Airmen, civilians

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread contributor

One of the main concerns some students have when applying for college courses is payment.

With 100 percent tuition assistance for active duty Airmen and some civilians, the concern isn’t about coming up with the money, but simply a matter of going online, filling out some forms and turning in the paperwork.

“TA is good for students on active duty and civilians because it allows them to attend school and not worry about how they are going to pay for their classes,” said Christine Mitchell, resource advisor. “This way they can focus on their jobs, schoolwork and families.”

Those eligible for military tuition assistance include active duty Airmen, Air Force Reservists and Air National Guardsmen on full-time active duty for more than 179 days, said education center officials.

Air Education and Training Command civil service employees and permanent civilian appropriated fund employees can also apply for TA, said Ms. Mitchell.

“Our civilian force is getting stronger as the Airmen are tasked for more deployments,” Ms. Mitchell said. “Civilians need the skills and degrees necessary to fill some of the positions previously filled by Airmen.”

TA is used for tuition and certain applicable fees directly related to the courses students take. It covers up to \$250 per semester hour or \$166 per quarter hour

and is restricted to a maximum of \$4,500 per fiscal year. Tuition assistance does not cover books or resource fees, Ms. Mitchell said. It can also be used to pay for one certification program in the student’s Air Force career.

The Air Force spent \$140 million on TA for fiscal year 2004. With more than 287,000 enrollments and 90,900 Airmen participating, TA contributed to the award of more than 18,000 associate degrees, 4,000 baccalaureate degrees and 4,000 master’s degrees in FY 2004, according to the Air Force Virtual Education Center.

For more information on tuition assistance and requirements, or to schedule an appointment with a counselor, call 652-5964.



Roger Ramirez, 12th Comptroller Squadron, hustles to tag Air Force Audit Agency’s Allen Beardon out at home during the extramural softball season opening game June 16. The Comptrollers beat AFAA 19-5. (Photo by Melissa Peterson)

12 CPTS gives AFAA run for its money



Elaine Morris, 12th Comptroller Squadron, rounds second base during the extramural softball season opening game June 16.

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
Wingspread editor

The 12th Comptroller Squadron scored 12 unanswered runs in the first two innings of the extramural softball season opener against the Air Force Audit Agency June 16 en route to a 19-5 win.

Power hitters Eric Doggett and Clay Corlew combined for 10 RBIs and two home runs, followed by two RBIs from Elaine Morris and Rina Callaway.

“The team did great in communicating with one another,” said 12th CPTS coach Everett Callaway. “We’ve been practicing on the fundamentals of the game leading up to this which I think really paid off.”

The Comptrollers jumped on the scoreboard in the top of the first on Corlew’s three-run home run to center field.

After a walk and a single, Callaway drove in two more runs with a shot to right field.

AFAA struggled to find its footing in the field as the Comptrollers hit four more singles to score two more runs and open up a 7-0 lead.

In the second inning, Auditor pitcher Chris Martinez continued to struggle with the wind as the Comptrollers earned another run forced in by a walk. Morris followed with a hard hit past shortstop for her first RBI single.

Doggett continued the Comptroller rout when he hammered one over the left field fence for the team’s second three-RBI home run of the game to build a 12-0 lead.

With two players on first and second and one out in the bottom of the second, AFAA’s Pat Harding hit a double to left center sending teammate Chris Martinez home for the team’s first run of the game.

Comptroller short stop Doggett cut the Auditors’ rally short starting a double play on the next hit to close out the inning and any chance of an AFAA comeback.

The Comptrollers kept the heat on AFAA with three singles to left field to open the third inning.

The Comptrollers scored another run on an infield error, followed by a two-RBI hit to center field by Doggett. The Comptrollers built a 16-1 lead before a final strike out by pitcher Scott Gunia ended the scoring run.

Auditor Shawn Schneider closed the deficit to 16-2 midway through the third inning with an RBI single to center field.

Brad Huffman pounded a two-RBI home run into center field a few batters later to make the score 16-4.

Morris extended the Comptroller lead on an RBI single past first base early in the fifth inning followed by a Doggett RBI double to right.

Comptroller Shelly Daniels knocked in Doggett with an RBI single for her team’s final run of the night.

In their final at bat, AFAA’s Schneider hit an RBI single to left field, but the Auditor’s success was short lived as the next three plays ended in outs and a final score of 19-5 in the Comptrollers’ favor.

Smart Start Baseball class offered

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio
Wingspread staff writer

The youth center hosts a six-week Smart Start Baseball class starting Thursday.

Smart Start is an instructional class for children ages 3-4 and their parents teaching the fundamentals of baseball.

Classes are held Thursdays and Saturdays at 9 a.m. at Fenway Field, located near the east gate.

During the class, students learn how to bat from a tee, field and throw the ball. Parents can then take what they’ve learned from the class and practice with their children at home.

“We want to offer kids a fun and positive early

experience with baseball,” said Rey Salinas, youth center assistant sports coordinator. “It will hopefully prepare them for future sports participation.”

The class costs \$25 per child. All equipment is provided by the youth center.

There are 30 slots available for the class. Parents can register their children up until the start date of the class or until it is full.

“This class will help build confidence in the kids,” said Mr. Salinas. “It will also give parents a chance to support their kids, teach them what they know and spend quality time with them.”

For more information or to sign up, call the youth center at 652-3298.

Fit to Fight



The "Fit to Fight" column recognizes Team Randolph members who achieve an "excellent" rating on the Air Force Fitness Test.

Air Education and Training Command

Regina Alfonso	Varnell Johnson
Catherine Biersack	John Luna
Joseph Chozinski	Robin Morris
Cesario Ferrer	Lawrence Noel
Erica Gage	Alan Onufrak
Todd Joachim	Brian Ortman
Ronald Johnson	

SPORTS BRIEFS

Passport to Fitness

The Passport to Fitness program runs now through June 30 at the fitness center. During the event, participants accomplish tasks on a checklist such as trying out different equipment or taking classes. After an item is complete, a passport stamp is issued. Once a card is full, a prize is awarded. Participants can pick up a passport at the fitness center main desk.

Senior strength training

The fitness center offers a senior strength training class Tuesdays July 5 through Sept. 27 from 10-11 a.m. The class covers how to use tubing, weights and low impact aerobics to increase strength, muscle mass and bone density and improve balance.

Senior splash

The fitness center offers a low impact water aerobics class for seniors Thursdays July 6 through Aug. 31 from 10-11 a.m. at the center pool. The class is designed to help strengthen and tone

muscles without aggravating joints. The class is recommended for seniors who need to improve circulation and stamina.

Lap swimming

The south pool offers lap swimming Monday through Friday from 6-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

Swimming lessons

Parents can register their children ages 6 weeks and older for swimming lessons at the information, tickets and travel office, Building 897. The cost is \$25 per session for season pass holders and \$50 per session for all others. For more information, call 652-6508.

Water aerobics

The fitness center offers water aerobics classes at the center pool Monday and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m.

Bike race

The fitness center hosts a 10-mile bike race July 8 starting at 8 a.m. at Eberle Park. Helmets are required and riders are encouraged to bring water bottles. The first 50 people to sign up receive a water bottle. The race is free and open to people age 16 and older or age 12 to 15 with adult supervision. This event is sponsored in part by Gatorade.

Golf tournament

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course hosts a Red, White and Blue tournament July 4 with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The entry fee is \$10 per person. The driving range closes at 10 a.m. and the clubhouse at 1 p.m. July 4. For more information, call 652-4653.

Fitness classes

The fitness center offers a variety of classes during the week including cycling, step aerobics, body toning, kickboxing, pilates and yoga. For details, call 652-2955.



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